



COMMENT CARD

South Delta Improvements Program



Date: 10-10-02

Thank you for attending today's meeting and participating in the scoping process for the South Delta Improvements Program. The purpose of the scoping process is to seek early public input regarding alternatives, concerns and issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The scoping process also helps to identify project impacts, alternatives, mitigation measures, and environmental subject areas to be addressed.

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☒ Yes, I would like to be added to your mailing list to receive newsletters, information mailings, and meeting notices.

Please note which issues regarding the project you would like to see addressed in the EIR/EIS, and any other issues related to the scoping process.

☐ I wish to withhold by name and address from public disclosure.

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Thank you for participating in this important process. Please submit this form to a project representative by October 31, 2002, to ensure that your comments are considered for the EIR/EIS. If mailing, please send to: Mr. Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources, Bay-Delta Office, 1416 Ninth Street, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

- Hello my name is David Pettijohn I am a manager in the water resources business unit at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and I am here today on behalf of the City of Los Angeles.
- The city strongly supports the proposed action to expand the pumping capacity at the Banks Pumping plant to 8500 cfs, *OPERATING UNCONSTRAINED BY ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS BEYOND EXISTING STANDARDS.*
- The City of Los Angeles is increasingly concerned with water supply reliability in Southern California and we view this action as a crucial step in improving this reliability.
- In the Owens Valley the City of Los Angeles has returned to the environment aprox. 30% of the water we historically delivered to the city through the Los Angeles Aqueduct system. This water is currently being used for environmental purposes in the Mono Basin, along the Owens River and now on the Owens Lake.
- As a result of these environmental activities, in an average year the City of Los Angeles is now dependent upon MWD for 35 percent of our water supply, and in dry years we purchase up to 60 percent of our water from MWD.
- The City believes that it is time for the state to incorporate a balanced approach towards its water resources by making water available to Southern California during wet years when environmental impacts are minimal so that it can be stored and used in dry years.
- As a MWD member agency we have supported the significant investments in storage at DVL and various conjunctive use programs by MWD for the express purpose of being able to take advantage of the availability of surplus water supplies in wet years.
- This proposed expansion at the Banks Pumping Plant would give Southern California the flexibility to take water during wet periods when environmental impacts are low and water quality is improved.
- The City of Los Angeles respectfully urges the Department of Water Resources and the US Bureau of Reclamation to support the proposed improvements at the Banks Pumping Plant.